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SUBJECT: KUWAIT OIL UPDATE -- MARCH 28, 2003

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1. (C) Embassy notes that that KOC reported production from its northern fields has risen 7.1% from 400,265 barrels on March 26 to 428,689 barrels on March 28. This increase is expected to continue as KOC officials open more shut-in well heads in the Ratqa and, eventually, the Abdali fields. However, it is unclear whether and to what extent production in other areas of Kuwait may be reduced as northern output rises.

2. (C) Following is unedited data set received from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation afternoon of 3/28/03. Explanatory comments follow at para 3.

Begin Report

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation
Daily Crude Production
All figures in bbls

This report covers activities from 0500 3/27/03 to 0500 3/28/00

Total Kuwait	
Production	2,478,950

KOC Proper:	
South East:	1,385,021
West:	361,084
North:	428,689
Total:	2,174,794

Wafra Joint Operations:	
R/B to KOC	142,069
R/B to KNPC	0
R/B to SAT	0
R/B total	142,069
Eocene	27,087

KGOC:	
Khafji	116,000
Hout	19,000

KEC Receipt	2,294,043 (API 30.7, Salt PTB 16.0)
KEC Stock	6,662,118
KEC Ullage	7,531,613

End Report

3.(C) Explanatory Comments:

Wafra Joint Operations refer to onshore concessions in Saudi-Kuwait divided zone operated by Saudi Arabian Texaco (SAT). R/B refers to the two producing reservoirs -- Ratawi and Burgan.

KOC is Kuwait Oil Company

KNPC is Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation

KGOC is the Kuwaiti successor to Arabian Oil Company (AOC), which previously operated a concession in the offshore portions of the Saudi-Kuwait divided zone -- AOC still operates the fields under a service agreement.

KEC refers to Kuwait Export Crude, the country's export blend. Salt PTB refers to pounds of salt per thousand barrels of crude oil.

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